

Remarks

This paper amends the specification to provide priority claim, cancels claims 1-56 without prejudice or disclaimer and enters new claims 57-75. Claims 57-75 remain pending in the case.

A sequence listing in written paper copy and on computer readable medium in diskette form is submitted with this application. The undersigned attorney states that the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written paper copy of the sequence listing.

It is requested that the amendments to the specification and claims be entered and that the claims be examined on the merits.

Should any questions arise, the P.T.O. is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,

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